guide the people in agricultural production technique;

(b) whether their presence is a new boost to the farmers of Arunachal Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) In Arunachal Pradesh, the following ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) Research Centres are in operation:—

(i) Regional Research Centre of ICAR NEH Complex located at Basar, West Siang district.

(ii) National Research Centre—Yak located at Dirang.

(iii) Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) located at Basar.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. These Centres are developing location specific technologies and farming systems for boosting and sustaining the agricultural productivity.

— The Agricultural Research Centre at Basar is working on crop improvement, conservation of water resources, developing suitable farming and cropping systems and to evolve plant protection technologies for rice, pulses, groundnut, bamboo and horticultural crops, etc.

— The Yak centre is working on the development of standard management practices and physiological parameters of Mithun.

— The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) is undertaking dissemination of proven technologies and imparting training to farmers on important aspects like crop production, horticulture, fisheries, homescience and agricultural engineering, etc.

(d) Question does not arise.

States Producing Betelnut and Coconut

5619. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) the names of the States in the country producing Betelnut and Coconut; and

(b) the estimted annual production of betelnut and coconut in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Major Betelnut (arecanut) producing States are Karnataka, kerala, Assam, Meghalaya, West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Maharashtra and the major coconut growing states re Kerala, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Orissa, Maharashtra, Goa and Assam.

(b) As per latest figures available, the production of betelnut and coconut was 275000 tonnes and 12355 million nuts during 1993-94 respectively.

Hiring of private vehicles by Mother Dairy Fruit and Vegetable Unit

5620. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: (a) whether mother Dairy's Fruit and Vegetable unit in Delhi have been hiring privately run Matadors/Tempos etc.;

(b) if so, the conditionalities laid down for hiring such private vehicles;

(c) whether Government's directives/guidelines are being totally flouted by Mother Dairy by hiring more than three years old vehicles;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take steps to discontinue hiring of private vehicles particularly of three years old;

(e) the amount of expenditure incurred by Mother Dairy on hiring of private vehicles during the last one year; and

(f) to what extent the expenditure incurred is justified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For hiring of private vehicles certain standard terms and conditions are being followed by NDDB which cover vehicle specifications, bank gurantee by transporter, in case of accident and resultant loss to the items of F&V Unit actual recovery of the cost of material, etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) About Rs. 450/- lakh during 1994-95.

(f) Out of total turnover of Rs. 42.00 crore (approx) Rs. 4.50 crore only have been spent on transport.

National Pulse Development Project in Madhya Pradesh

5621. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have received any proposal from the Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding implementation of National Pulse Development Project in all the districts of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken by Government thereon;

(d) the financial assistance proposed to be provided to the State for the purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof; district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The proposal to extend National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) from 35 to 45 districts of the State was received in August, 1993. The proposal was accepted by the Government of India and extended the Programme to all the districts suggested by the State Government.

(d) and (e) The Government of India has allocated Rs. 586.67 lakhs for 1995-96, out of this the share of Government of India is Rs. 440.00 lakhs. In addition the assistance for sprinklers will be provided on receipt of the proposal from the State Government. District wise allocation is not done by Government of India.

खाद्यान्नों की प्रतिव्यक्ति उपलब्धता में वृद्धि की वार्षिक दर

5622. **प्रो० राम बख्शसिंह वर्मा:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 1960—70, 1970—80 और 1980—90 के दशकों के दौरान खाद्यान्नों और दलहनों की प्रतिव्यक्ति उपलब्धता में वृद्धि की वार्षिक दर कितनी-कितनी है;

(ख) खाद्यान्नों और दलहनों की कम उपलब्धता के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) सरकार ने जनता को ये वस्तुएं अधिक मात्रा में उपलब्ध कराने की लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाये हैं?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविंद नेताम): (क) विभिन्न अवधियों के दौरान खाद्यान्नों तथा दलहनों की प्रतिव्यक्ति उपलब्धता में वृद्धि की वार्षिक दर निम्नानुसार है:—

(प्रतिवर्ष प्रतिशत)

अवधि	खाद्यान्न	दलहन
1960—70	0.10	-2.35
1970—80	0.00	-5.00
1980—90	3.80	2.87

(ख) हाल के दशक में खाद्यान्नों तथा दलहनों की प्रतिव्यक्ति उपलब्धता में वृद्धि हुई है।

(ग) सरकार इन वस्तुओं का उत्पादन तथा समग्र उपलब्धता बढ़ाने के लिए विभिन्न फसल उत्पादनोन्मुख कार्यक्रम क्रियान्वित कर रही है।